

Janet Napolitano
Governor

Office of the Governor

* WILDFIRE AWARENESS WEEK *

WHEREAS, Arizona's fire weather is dominated by long-term cyclic drought and the effects of global climate change; and

WHEREAS, Arizona's forests have been severely impacted by insect and disease outbreaks, and its deserts invaded by exotic weedy species; and

WHEREAS, the population and development of communities in the wild land-urban interface continue to increase; and

WHEREAS, Arizona's Wildfire Environment has irrevocably changed and the number and severity of wild land fires in Arizona continues to increase, threatening both life and property; and

WHEREAS, there is a critical need to reduce the number of human-caused fires through education in the areas representing the most significant wild land fire risk; and

WHEREAS, rural communities need to plan and act to protect their investment in their property through better road access, design, building materials, landscaping and maintenance of their homes and property; and

WHEREAS, we all share the responsibility of managing and preventing wildfires;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 21-27, 2008 as

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

Janet Napolitano

GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this first day of April in the year Two Thousand and Eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-second.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State

